

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building**.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☐ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☐ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Nathan Cummings Foundation, Alliance for Israel's Future

Travel date(s): December 14, 15, 16 2018

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$350	\$130	\$320	\$50 conference kit

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Series of discussions on aspects of US and Israeli security policy and social issues

Dec 20 2018 Matthew Duss
(Date) (Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

Dec 20 2018
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics** in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Matthew Duss

Name of Traveler: _____

Senator Bernie Sanders

Employing Office/Committee: _____

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Nathan Cummings Foundation, Alliance for Israel's Future

Travel date(s): December 14, 15, 16 2018

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Tarrytown, NY

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

Meeting with American and Israeli policy analysts to discuss shared security challenges and effective policies to address them. This will inform and support my work as foreign policy advisor to Senator Sanders, where issues relating to the Middle East region often arise.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Nov 29 2018
(Date)


(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

Bernard Sanders

Matthew Duss

I, _____ hereby authorize _____
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

Nov 29 2018
(Date)


(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Form RE-1

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

Alliance for Israel's Future.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):
The Nathan Cummings Foundation
2. Description of the trip: Thirty individuals from Israel and the United States will convene for two-day meeting, building a network to support the development of US-Israel ties.
3. Dates of travel: December 14 to 16, 2018
4. Place of travel: Pocantico Center, Tarrytown, NY 10591
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Matt Duss, Foreign Policy Advisor to Senator Sanders
6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
- OR -
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
7. ☒ I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- AND -
☒ I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I certify that:
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
- AND -
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**
I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:
- ☒ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.
- OR –
- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).
- OR –
- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**
If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

The Alliance for Israel's Future is responsible for inviting, convening, organizing and covering all expenses related to the meeting. The Nathan Cummings Foundation has contributed the funding for this meeting and has transferred them to the Alliance.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

The Alliance's mission is to develop new political leadership in Israel, and part of that mission is about building international network between peers. The Nathan Cummings Foundation promotes understanding between different communities and sees this meeting as meant to achieve this.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

Both organizations have no previous history in sponsoring congressional trips.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The Alliance has a fellowship program in Israel to cultivate the future political elite in Israel. The Cumming Foundation supports programs that deal with social justice, climate change, and democracy in the US and Israel. It does all this mainly through providing grants to relevant projects.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	350\$	130\$	320\$	50\$ conference kit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The gathering is for all the participants invited to attend this meeting thus organized without regard to congressional participation

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The Pocantico Center has good facilities for relationship building and is situated in a convenient area for the fifteen Israeli participants landing from Israel in NY.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Pocantico Center

200 Lake Road Tarrytown, New York 10591

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

location, retreat setting and affordable.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Official Fed Gov rate per diem for lodging is 145\$, our expense is 65\$

Official Fed Gov rate per diem for M&IE is 76\$, our expense per diem is 145\$

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

We will provide a train ticket from Washington DC to NY in coach or business class. From the train station taxi will take the participant to the pocantico center.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

There will be no entertainment

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:

Name and Title: Fred Tauber, President

Name of Organization: Alliance for Israel's Future

Address: 6000 Executive Boulevard, North Bethesda, MD, 20852

Telephone Number: (301) 231-8334

Fax Number: (301) 231-4836

E-mail Address: shari@tauberfoundation.com

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR
(to be completed by each additional sponsor)

I hereby certify that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the Dec 14-16th 2018 trip
Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)
to Pontico Retreat Center, NY is true, complete, and correct.
Place of Travel

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Isaac Luria, Director, Voice, Creativity, + Culture

Name of Organization: Nathan Cummings Foundation

Address: 475 10th Ave Suite 1400 NY, NY 10018

Telephone Number: 917 455 6203

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: isaac.luria@nathancummings.org

New York, December 2018

9:00 - Done

Tie up loose ends of things that came up throughout the day.

7:30 - Dinner and relax

Sunday, December 16

8:00 - Breakfast (working group meets over breakfast)

9:00 - Moving Forward

Figure out where we go from here, land any conclusions and next steps we can

12:30 - Lunch

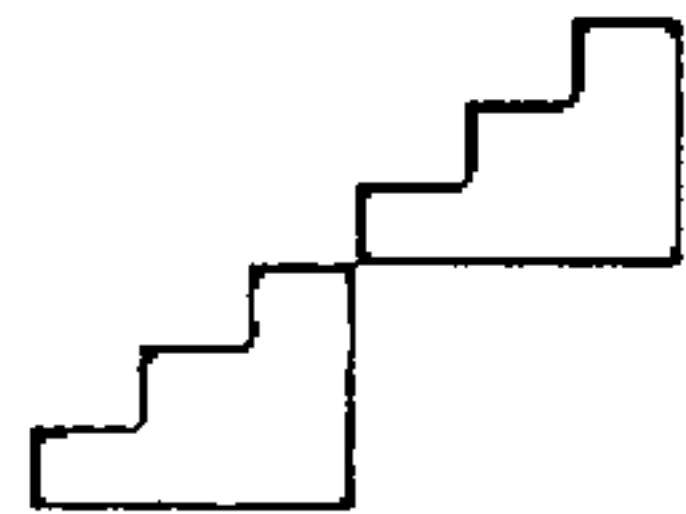
1:30 - Closing

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3:00 - Done

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October 16th, 2019

Matt Duss
Senior Policy Advisor for US Senator Bernie Sanders
U.S House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Duss,

We are pleased to invite you to take part in a new initiative “the Progressive to Progressive Transatlantic Alliance”, and attend our first gathering that will be held between 14 and 16 December, 2018 in the Pocantico Center of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund in New York.

This conference is the brainchild of many Progressive activists in both Israel and the United States to bring together thirty participants of the most brilliant and resourceful minds for a two-day roundtable discussion on the ways we can empower, strengthen and build the Progressive alliance between Israel and the United States.

The main goals of this conference are to forge a transatlantic political partnership between Israel and the United States, cultivate relationships between leading individuals and outline what a transatlantic Progressive Alliance would look like. We would be delighted to have you present at this conference to help us build an engaged transatlantic working group.

Additional information regarding the meeting (accommodation, transit, etc.) will be sent to you shortly via email.

We look forward to your confirmed presence at the P2PTA first gathering.

Respectfully yours on behalf of the Alliance for Israel's Future,

Yael Patir
Israeli meeting chair

Libby Lenkiski
American meeting chair

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P2PTA December meeting - participants list (Nov, 2018)

1. **Alissa Symon** (meeting coordinator) is currently studying for an MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern studies in Cambridge and is a Woolf scholar. Her research focuses on the relationship between the Israeli Left and the American Jewish Progressive movement. Alissa is married and lives in Cambridge.
2. **Amjad Shbeita** is the coordinator for Arabic language media outreach at Sikkuy, a shared organization of Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel dedicated to advancing equality. Amjad is also the secretary-general of the Banki youth movement. Originally Amjad is from Akur (a small village near Tira), and today lives in Tira with his wife and two children.
3. **Amy Rutkin** is the Chief of Staff for House Representative Jerry Nadler from New York.
4. **April Baskin** (not confirmed) is the Union for Reform Judaism's Vice President of Audacious Hospitality. Before joining the Union in August 2015, Baskin served as the national Director of Resources and Training at InterfaithFamily.
5. **Audrey Sasson** (tbc) is the Executive Director of Jews for Racial and Economic Justice, a membership-based social movement organization based in New York City. She is a longtime organizer and activist in both the Jewish social justice world and within the broader labor movement.
6. **Avner Gvaryahu** is the CEO of Breaking the Silence. Since 2010 he has been a key activist in the organization working first as a researcher and then as director of the public department. Avner grew up in an orthodox family in Rehovot and today lives in Tel Aviv with his wife.
7. **Brad Lander** (tbc), a member of the New York City Council, representing the 39th District in Brooklyn. Brad serves as the Council's Deputy Leader for Policy. He co-founded the Council's Progressive Caucus, helped bring participatory budgeting to NYC, and has led the way toward a more just, equitable, and sustainable city. (needs to reconfirm)
8. **Chen Arieli** is the chairperson of Israel LGBT association. Former political advisor to Labor MK Merav Michaeli. In 2018 Chen was elected by LadyGloves magazine as one of 20 most influential activists in Israel. She lives in Tel Aviv.
9. **Emily Mayer**
10. **Isaac Luria** is currently a Director of Voice, Creativity and Culture at the Nathan Cummings Foundations. Luria is also the Vice President at Auburn Theological Seminary, where he supports some of the most catalytic faith-rooted, social justice leaders in the country.
11. **Jeremy Ben Ami** is the President of J Street. He is also the executive director of JStreetPAC, which endorses and raises money for federal candidates. Prior to that, Ben Ami was President Bill Clinton's Deputy Domestic Policy Adviser, and later Policy Director on Howard Dean's presidential campaign.
12. **Jill Jacobs** is the Executive Director of T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights. She is a Conservative rabbi and the author of *Where Justice Dwells: A Hands-On Guide to Doing Social Justice in Your Jewish Community* and *There Shall be No Needy: Pursuing Social Justice through Jewish Law and Tradition*. She has served as the Rabbi in Residence of Jewish Funds for Justice and as the Director of Outreach and Education for Jewish Council on Urban Affairs.
13. **Libby Lenkinski** is the Vice President for Public Engagement at the New Israel Fund, where she leads all aspects of NIF's public efforts in the United States – including communications, digital, programs, events, leadership, community partnerships and engagement, New Generations and fellowships. Prior to joining NIF, Libby lived and worked in the Israeli non-profit field for almost a decade.
14. **Matt Duss** is a Senior Policy Advisor for US Senator Bernie Sanders, working on foreign policy, national security and veterans' affairs. Before joining Senator Sanders' staff, he served as

President of the Foundation for Middle East Peace. From 2008-2014, he was a national security and international policy analyst at the Center for American Progress.

28. **Yael Patir** currently serves as the Israel Director at J Street. In her previous position, Yael worked at the Shimon Peres Center for Peace where she served as Director of the Civil Leadership Department. Yael and her husband live in Tel Aviv with their two children.
29. **Yehuda Greenfield-Gilat** is a co-founder of SAYA/Design for Change and founder of Terra Una Planning LTD. In the past years Yehuda was an advisor to Tzipi Livni and served as a city council member in Jerusalem. Yehuda lives with his wife and three children in Jerusalem.
30. **Yotam Marom (meeting facilitator)** is an organizer and facilitator based in New York City. He has over fifteen years of experience as a facilitator specializing in experiential education, strategic planning, group dynamics, and conflict mediation.